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SUB: THIRD MEETING OF ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS

1. FOLLOWING IS PRESS STATEMENT ISSUED JUNE 22 AFTER
THIRD MEETING OF ASEAN SENIOR OFFICIALS HELD AT
BAGUIO JUNE 20-22:

BEGIN QUOTE

1. THE THIRD MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE OF SENIOR
OFFICIALS ESTABLISHED BY THE FOREIGN MINISTERS OF
ASEAN COUNTRIES IN NOVEMBER 1971 WAS HELD IN BAGUIO
CITY, PHILIPPINES, ON 20-22 JUNE 1973.

2. AT ITS FIRST MEETING HELD IN KUALA LUMPUR IN
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JULY 1972, THE COMMITTEE REACHED A COMMON UNDERSTANDING OF THE INTERPRETATION OF A "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY". AT ITS SECOND MEETING HELD IN JAKARTA IN DECEMBER 1972, THE COMMITTEE AGREED ON A SET OF GUIDELINES FOR RELATIONS AMONG THE STATES WITHIN AND WITHOUT THE ZONE, AND ON CERTAIN LINES OF ACTION TO PROMOTE THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE.

3. AT ITS THIRD MEETING, THE COMMITTEE CONTINUED ITS STUDY ON HOW TO BRING ABOUT THE REALIZATION OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION.

4. THE COMMITTEE HELD THE VIEW THAT A REGIONAL MACHINERY FOR THE PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES AMONG ZONE STATES WAS NOT ONLY DESIRABLE BUT ALSO NECESSARY. IT AGREED ON CERTAIN MEASURES THAT MAY BE UNDERTAKEN BY PARTIES TO A DISPUTE TO ACHIEVE ITS PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT, PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE ZONE.

5. THE COMMITTEE DISCUSSED THE CONTENT AND NATURE OF THE RECOGNITION AND RESPECT OF THE ZONE AND AGREED ON CERTAIN EXPECTATIONS OF THE ZONE STATES FROM COUNTRIES WHICH WOULD RECOGNIZE AND RESPECT THE ZONE.

6. THE COMMITTEE FELT THAT STEADY PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARDS THE ACHIEVEMENT OF THE OBJECTIVES OF THE KUALA LUMPUR DECLARATION FOR THE REALIZATION OF THE "ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM AND NEUTRALITY".

7. THE COMMITTEE WOULD HOLD ITS NEXT MEETING AT A VENUE AND A DATE TO BE MUTUALLY AGREED UPON AND ANNOUNCED LATER. END QUOTE.

2. IN PRELIMINARY COMMENTS, DFA UNDERSEC JOSE INGLES, WHO CHAIRED MEETING, INDICATED THAT CONCLUSIONS WITH RESPECT TO PARAS 4 AND 5 ABOVE WOULD BE SUBMITTED TO NEXT ASEAN MINS MEETING FOR APPROVAL.

3. INGLES SAID, "CERTAIN MEASURES" AGREED UPON WITH RESPECT TO "PACIFIC SETTLEMENT OF DISPUTES" RELATED ONLY TO INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS VARIOUS ASEAN NATIONS MIGHT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WISH TO TAKE RATHER THAN TO ANY FORMAL "REGIONAL MACHINERY WHICH WOULD ONLY BE SET UP WHEN ZONE OF PEACE, FREEDOM, AND NEUTRALITY OFFICIALLY ESTABLISHED.

4. NEXT SENIOR OFFICIALS MEETING WOULD TAKE PLACE IN SIX MONTHS AT SINGAPORE.
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